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Various Defense Activities

1. [] JAO Chang-feng (饒彰風), chief of the United Front Department of the South China Sub-Bureau, called a meeting of all his senior associates in the office of the South China Daily News in Shameen to discuss counterespionage measures. 50X1-HUM
2. [] YEH Chien-ying spoke to teachers and headmasters of Canton at the Yueh Hsiu Shan (嶺秀山) playground on the subject of the American invasion of Manchuria and the advance of the troops of liberation into Tibet. [] after YEH and FANG Fang had spoken to teachers on the evacuation of women and children from Canton, the value of the Jen Min Piao dropped to JMP 6,000:HK \$1.00.* 50X1-HUM
3. [] repairs on the Pearl Bridge were completed. The bridge will reopen [] 50X1-HUM
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6. A ban on opium smoking was issued [] by the Kwangtung Government. Opium smuggling continues inspite of intensified propaganda on the subject. Opium dealers estimate that [] more than 5,000 ounces of raw opium were smuggled into Canton, of which more than half is to be smuggled [] in exchange for other commodities. 50X1-HUM
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7. The industrial center near Feng'an (鳳安) Bridge on Honan (河南) Road has been declared a prohibited area. 50X1-HUM

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8. The Kwangtung Military District Headquarters has ordered the Drivers' Union to conscript 100 drivers for use by the Military District. All of the unemployed drivers who are on relief will be conscripted.
9. The Canton Air Defense Headquarters has ordered the military sub-districts to set up air defense headquarters to complete the air defense network in Kwangtung.
10. The South China Food Company recently dispatched about 100 of the company's officials to towns and villages in the Canton area to buy rice which is to be stored in Canton.
11. The Canton-Hankow Railway Bureau has been ordered to be prepared to start running night trains. They were ordered to step up the repair of air raid shelters and increase the quantity of sandbags and water to be stored. 50X1-HUM
12. Evacuation of Military, Government and Civilian Personnel and Supplies
[redacted] all important documents of the Kwangtung Military District Headquarters, the Kwangtung Government, and the Kwangtung Chinese Communist Party Headquarters were packed in 25 zinc-lined wooden boxes 7' x 5' x 4'. The packing was carried out under the personal supervision of YUN Kuang-ying (雲廣英), secretary general of the Kwangtung Government and CHOU Li-sheng (周立生), senior staff officer of the Kwangtung Military District. [redacted] the boxes left Kwangsha Station, Canton, by train for Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50). 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
13. A branch of the Kwangtung Government is being established in Ch'uchiang and is due to open [redacted] *** It will be housed in the same building as the Ch'uchiang Government. WU Han-chieh (吳漢傑) is in charge and TU Ming (杜明) is his assistant. 50X1-HUM
14. The Water Conservation Board of Canton has decided to move to Nanhai (113-08, 23-02). The Salt Company has decided to move to T'aiho (太禾)*** Military and industrial supplies will be moved and stored in Shihching (113-15, 23-13), Chingts'un (113-14, 23-17), Suakhsien (113-12, 23-29), Pachiang (113- , 23-) and Yingte (113-21, 24-12). 50X1-HUM
15. Families of Communist military and civil officials in Canton have started to evacuate to Hankow. Those leaving before [redacted] are entitled to receive travel subsidies, whereas those leaving after [redacted] travel at their own expense. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
16. Personnel and equipment of the CATC in Canton have been ordered to move to Hankow.
17. Sites for government organizations in the suburbs of Canton are in great demand. Some government officials have become restive and deserted their posts, especially those engaged in public safety work.
18. [redacted] seven cases of telephone equipment were moved to Tungshan from Canton and stored in a warehouse. 50X1-HUM

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19. [] the South China Sub-Bureau summoned the leading citizens of various cities in Kwangtung to come to a meeting in Canton. [] the meeting was held at which emergency measures for the military and political situation were discussed, including methods of evacuation. [] these persons returned to their cities. 50X1-HUM
- * [] Comment. [] the official exchange rate was JNP 4,660:HK \$1.00. 50X1-HUM
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- *** [] Comment. []
- [] except for a skeleton staff, the Canton municipal government has moved to Ch'uchiang and the financial and economic sections of the municipal government have moved to Napa (113-32, 24-43). The Kwangtung Government has moved to Wengyuan (113-48, 24-30).
- **** [] Comment. There are two T'aiho's in Kwangtung. One is at (113-21, 23-18) and the other is at (114-40, 23-13). 50X1-HUM

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